

Remarks

Claim 1 has been amended. The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,214,709 to Orr and U.S. Patent No. 5,136,755 to Shaw.

A. Orr Does Not Anticipate Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended herein to specify that the wire rope socket is internally threaded. The Specification of the present invention states, "Each socket 12 conventionally is internally threaded at its wide end 18 for attachment to swabbing tools." Orr does not disclose a wire rope socket that is internally threaded. At best, Orr discloses that a wedge 16, which is placed *into* a socket 10, may have grooves formed in the tip portion. (Orr, p.2, lines 70-75). The wedge of Orr, however, is not a wire rope socket, and additionally, there is no discussion of internal threading of any element in Orr. Thus, Orr fails to disclose a wire rope socket that is internally threaded.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir 1987). "The identical invention must be shown in complete detail as is contained in the . . . claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1336 (Fed. Cir 1989). Here, Orr does not disclose a wire rope socket that is internally threaded. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 1 over Orr should be withdrawn, and claim 1 should be passed to issuance.

B. Shaw Does Not Anticipate Claim 1

Shaw does not disclose a wire rope socket that is internally threaded. At best, Shaw discloses a rope *clamp* which may connect via a *pin type component*. Shaw states:

In each of the several forms of the subject rope clamp, a separate cable end fitting such as a clevis, eye, oval eye, or the like having a **pin type component** may be utilized to make a durable connection between the line and the fitting, and to another similar or dissimilar rope clamp depending upon the desired applications.

(Shaw, column 9, lines 12-17, emphasis added) The **pin type component** of Shaw is the means by which Shaw attaches a line and a fitting, **not** through the use of an **internally threaded wire rope socket**. Additionally, Shaw does not discuss internal threading of any element. Thus, Shaw fails to disclose a wire rope socket that is internally threaded.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 1 over Shaw should be withdrawn, and that claim 1 should be passed to issuance.

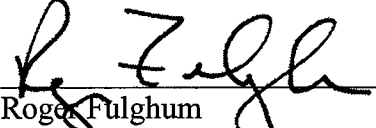
C. Dependent Claim 2

Dependent claim 2 will not be discussed individually herein because it depends from an allowable base claim.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1 and 2 of the present invention are allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that these claims be passed to issuance.

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